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Dear St. Joseph School Family,

Today I want to share with you something with which I am not very familiar. I don't play video games, never really have, don't have a desire to play now. The reason I'm sharing this with you now is because of an email I received yesterday from Sister Mary Kansier, who leads our diocesan technology office. The email, copied below, references the video game Fortnite. I'll be honest in saying that I know very little about this game, except that which students and parents have shared with me. I read the article that Sister Mary linked in her email and remembered a blogpost that Sister Mary Michael, principal at St. Peter's, wrote this past May regarding the same video game. Then I remembered that I had another communication that I was waiting for "just the right time" to pass on to you. Now's that time.

I cannot tell you how to parent your children. What I can do is share with you how some of these things affect the children in the classrooms. We have students who are falling asleep in school or Mass. We have students who appear tired and struggle to focus. We also have students who exude joy, so this topic may not affect you – or affect you now. After you read the email, the article referenced by Sister Mary, the blog post by Sister Mary Michael, and the blurb from someone who presented at another of our schools, ponder as a family how best to talk with your children about these topics.

Dear principals,

I know how busy you are. However, when something noteworthy crosses my desk, I make it a point to pass it on. Fortnite is one of the most popular gaming apps / sites with Tweens and Teens. This article is noteworthy, and I would ask you pass it on to parents in any way you can. Our children MUST be kept safe, and in this case, that safety has to do with parents knowing what their children are doing online.

https://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2018/09/fortnite_minecraft_join_other_platforms_where_pred.html

God Bless You!

Sr. Mary Kansier, M.S.

<https://srmariamichael.wordpress.com/2018/05/02/fortnite/>

Here's a list of some of the most dangerous websites and apps that teens are using today. [VIEW THE LIST](#)

These are things that YOU as an adult need to be aware of. Take some time to talk to the teens in your life about how to stay safe online.

Sometimes teens get curious when we tell them how dangerous something is and will try it out due to this curiosity. Rather than giving them a list of sites to avoid (like the one above) ask them what their friends are using and what's on their phone. Allowing them to educate you is a great way to start a conversation regarding online safety. Discuss your expectations or, better yet, write a safety contract together.

Prevention is always the best step... Take time to [VIEW THE LIST](#) and talk today!

God bless you.

In Christ,

Sister Mary Cecilia

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

9 FRI 2A Class Mass, Mission Collection, Honor Choir, Veterans Day Activities


12 Mon Student Confessions

13 Tue 3A Class Mass

16 Fri Melodic Knights Mass

19 Mon Youth Choir Mass

20 Tue Teacher Mass

 THANKSGIVING
BREAK-NO SCHOOL
Wed, 11/21; Thu
11/22; Fri 11/23

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

[CLICK LUNCHROOM DUTY](#)

LUNCHROOM DUTY VOLUNTEERS help the kitchen staff and Lunchroom Monitors.

[CLICK K-1-2 RECESS](#)

K-1-2 RECESS Duty: aid teachers and paras in supervising students during recess.

[CLICK 3-6 RECESS DUTY](#)

3-6 RECESS DUTY: aid teachers and paras in supervising students during recess

HAITI:

New or gently used Tennis Shoes for school children in Haiti. All sizes.



HEALTH OFFICE NEEDS:

PLEASE send in this Form.

We have not received many forms to Authorize Administering Over The Counter Medications. If your student comes to the office for medication you will receive a call. We **CANNOT** give OTC medication to students without a Authorization for Administration of [click Non-Prescription Medication form](#)

NOVEMBER 8, 2018 SCHOOL NEWS

[Click NOVEMBER CALENDAR](#)

[NOVEMBER MENU](#)

SCHOOL UNIFORMS You can shop through Uniform donations near the cafeteria, during school office hours. **Cost:** You can trade old uniforms for new ones or leave a free will offering in the office. **Donating?** You can leave uniform donations on the top shelf. Please only donate items that that are gently used and follow the uniform guidelines.

SCRIP SALES for the week of October 22-28 were \$10,111.91 for a gross profit of \$325.30. CASEY'S has incredible pizza. Take scrip with you to get gas and pizza in one stop! And 3% comes right back to our church! Kate Walker. St. Joseph Scrip. 402.314.1416

LADIES OF ST. JOSEPH PARISH: The women's group will meet the second Friday of November for a special, different way of looking at the saints! Presentation and activities presented by Mrs. Sara Racinot. Friday, Nov. 9, 8:00-9:00 pm in the Heritage Room. Bring a friend and find out more about the saints!

BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKSELLERS

ST. JOSEPH BOOK FAIR will be held on **Wednesday November 28** from 9AM - 9PM at the Southpointe Barnes & Noble. A percentage of all purchases will go directly to St. Joseph Library.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for **St. Joseph Book Fair** at Cookie decorating table. Duties include keeping the frosting and other decorating supplies available for students/parents. We need 2 volunteers for each shift. 5:30-6:15, 6:15-7:00, 7:00-8:00pm. Please contact Joyce joyce-gibney@cdolinc.net or Toni Essay toni-essay@cdolinc.net



THE IMPACT OF STRESS & ANXIETY ON OUR YOUTH, November 13, 2018-The Impact of Stress & Anxiety on our Youth. **Community Awareness Series: Promoting Healthy Behaviors:** Our youth are our future's greatest asset. These events are open to parents, students, school professionals and community members. November 13, 2018-The Impact of Stress & Anxiety on our Youth, Lincoln High School: Theatre at 6:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART ALTAR SOCIETY Soup Lunch, Sunday, November 11th from 11:30 am-2:30 pm in the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria, 540 North 31st. Five homemade soups to choose from—Chicken Dumpling, Vegetable Beef, Cheesy Potato, Gumbo with rice and Chili. Plus grilled cheese sandwiches and choice of desserts. Free will offering. Veterans eat free in honor of their service.

DADS UP & READ DADS DO BREAKFAST WITH DAD - Saturday, November 10, 10:30 a.m. to noon at two locations: Walt Branch (6701 S. 14th) and Eiseley Branch (1530 Superior) Enjoy a cereal bar at the Walt Branch and the Waffleman at the Eiseley Branch. [click Dads](#)

WINTER CAMPS at the SAC Aerospace Museum Dec 26, 2018 through Jan 4, 2019 [click Camps](#)